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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 27656 38053

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c) AND REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER §1.28

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

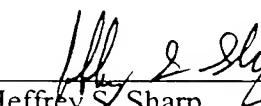
The undersigned hereby asserts, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1) and (c)(2)(i), that small entity status is entitled to be asserted in this application. Small entity status should therefore be established in the application.

The applicant also hereby respectfully requests a refund of \$571.00 for the overpayment of the utility application filing fee for a large entity paid December 20, 2001. The small entity fee of \$571.00 should have been submitted. This refund request is made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) and (b). This refund request is timely filed within three months of the mistaken payment of the large entity filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit the refund to Deposit
Account No. 13-2855 of the applicant's representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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